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The Honorable Michael N. Castle
United States House of Representatives
1233 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette
United States House of Representatives
1530 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Castle and DeGette:

The Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis (CPF), on behalf of the community of 83,000+ patients fighting idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), strongly supports the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (House Resolution 810) that would expand federal funding of stem cell research.

Stem cell research has great potential in treating - or possibly curing - a wide range of diseases, including IPF. The CPF believes that physicians and scientists, with proper ethical oversight, should be allowed to explore new approaches to treating, and ultimately curing diseases through stem cell research. This research has the potential to improve the lives of millions of Americans living with life-threatening illnesses such as IPF.

The CPF supports this legislation and the hope it gives to the millions of Americans who suffer from debilitating disease today, including 83,000 patients with IPF. We applaud your commitment to helping those fighting life threatening illnesses by sponsoring this groundbreaking legislation. Do not hesitate to contact me should we be of further assistance with this bill, especially if you are seeking advocates for public testimony.

Respectfully Yours in Health,

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